

Award-winning Architect Selected for Building Renovation; Meeting for Congregational Input on March 2

Sha'ar Zahav's Architecture and Design Committee has selected John Goldman as the architect for the renovation of our new building on Dolores Street. The selection was made after interviewing and reviewing proposals from several leading architects in the Bay Area who have designed religious architecture.

John, the principal of Goldman Architects, is an award-winning architect who has worked on several acclaimed church projects, including St. Gregory's on Potrero Hill. Born and raised in a Reform Jewish tradition, John has been engaged over the past ten years in designing Christian religious buildings. He is extremely passionate and remarkably insightful about designing our new synagogue; his overall design philosophy, in brief, is to create buildings that celebrate order, structure, light and connection by establishing a harmonious spatial relationship, expressing building elements such as beams and columns, and developing a strong connection between building and site.

John's vision for Sha'ar Zahav's new sanctuary is to create a space that connects worshippers to each other and to the bimah and ark. Drawing on traditional Orthodox Jewish forms, Reform Judaism's increasing interest in spiritual and liturgical renewal, and Sha'ar Zahav's own inclusive philosophy of worship, he is eager to work with the Ritual Committee to consider placing the bimah and ark more centrally within the sanctuary. His aim is to create a space that fosters community participation and engagement in the liturgy. In addition, he is especially looking to bring the warmth of wood and exposed structure into the building, and to create a significantly better-proportioned worship space than the existing large chapel at the Dolores Street site. He also hopes to explore ways to connect the exterior with the interior areas in the new building, perhaps with a small

outdoor courtyard, and to look at the feasibility of reworking the roof structure to create a space with more dramatic height and lighting.

While John is already starting to explore some of these options for the renovation, he is especially looking forward to the process of working with the entire congregation to better understand our needs and hopes for the new building. He will be working closely with the Architecture and Design Committee, and will participate in a community forum to create a set of guidelines for the project. This "program document" will be a detailed expression of the requirements and desires of the Sha'ar Zahav community for our new building. If you would like to participate in this process, be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, March 2, 1-4 pm at the new building. You are also welcome to contact Alice Prussin, Chair

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Rosh Chodesh Group Forming

A group of 15 women celebrated the new moon and the beginning of the month of Adar I at a Shabbat dinner, February 7, held before a woman-led Shabbat evening service. It also sparked the start of a new Sha'ar Zahav Rosh Chodesh group. Today Jewish women all over the world have reclaimed this holiday to celebrate it together in creative ways.

Sha'ar Zahav's new Rosh Chodesh group will usher in Adar II and celebrate Women's History month on Saturday, March 8 at a Shabbat potluck lunch following Saturday morning services (about noon). The week of March 2-9 will be celebrated nationally as Jewish women's week. At the Shabbat Rosh Chodesh lunch we will learn about famous Jewish women throughout the ages. RSVP to Renée at the office.

Purim is Here!

Put on your wig and party shoes and come to the CSZ Purim party dressed as Esther, Mordechai, Vashti, Haman or . . . come as you are. On Saturday, March 22, enjoy dancing, music, food and a grand Sha'ar Zahav Purim production at the last Purim in our Danvers Street home. Festivities begin at 6:30 pm with Havdallah and a Megillah reading followed by a party at 7:30 pm. A costume contest with two categories (biblical and everything else) and a hamentashen bake-off with judging in two categories, traditional and inventive, will take place. Enter your hamentashen and win an excellent prize donated by local businesses. Bake-off entries need to be at the synagogue by 7:30 pm on the night of the party. Party admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. There is no charge to attend the Megillah reading (see enclosed flyer for details).

A dedicated planning committee has been working hard to make these Purim festivities a success. Jonathan Goldman and Jeff Rubin are producing the show this year, while Julie LaPore, Sarita Groisser, Debby Gelber, Lezlie Frishman and others have been diligently planning the logistical details of the party. We still need your help, however, to make this year's Purim party one that nobody will forget! Jonathan and Jeff are recruiting actors and actresses for the performance. There will be only two rehearsals, so join them today and let your hidden stage talent come out of the closet. Call Renée at the office to volunteer for the production, to help in final planning or for day-of volunteer tasks.

Oneg Shabbat

The Oneg Shabbat service schedule is in this issue. Please look for your name and put the date on your calendar. It's a *mitzvah*!

Yizkor Elohim

—David Stein

Our devoted friend and member, Ron Wilmot died on February 6 and I take this opportunity to remember him in my column this month.

Sha'ar Zahav member Ron Wilmot, former President/CEO of Hartford Properties, untiring fundraiser for gay, lesbian and Jewish causes, advocate and speaker for various AIDS organizations, succumbed to AIDS at the age of 46. Services were held at Sinai Memorial Chapel on Sunday, February 9 and burial was at the Sha'ar Zahav Cemetery.



David Stein

Ron was born in Albany, NY in 1950 and received his BS in Marketing from Miami University (Ohio) in 1972. During the Vietnam War he served on the USS Enterprise as chief communications officer. In 1978, Ron and his late business partner Rick Cohen acquired Hartford Properties, fostering a work place where professionalism and style were hallmarks and where community service was an integral part of the Hartford business plan.

An avid cyclist, Ron rode in many fundraising bike-a-thons. In 1995, he established his own bike-a-thon for the benefit of Project Inform. From its early years, Project Inform was important to Ron because he identified so closely with their goal of providing AIDS education, and their insistence on accurate dissemination of AIDS information and treatment options along with lobbying for approval of various AIDS treatment options. He encouraged his friends, PWAs (especially those in late stages) and the families of people with AIDS to ride with him. Over the years, Ron personally pedalled the miles to raise over \$130,000.

Project Inform gave Ron their Champion of Hope Award. In his acceptance of the award, Ron said, "Charity, especially giving back to the community, gives me a sense of purpose and a feeling that is invaluable to my survival." In 1995 he received the Cable Car Award

of Merit. Ron also spent his Wednesday mornings for twenty years reading to the blind at the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind.

At Sha'ar Zahav, Ron found the spiritual community which naturally fit with his own deeply spiritual sense of community and community service (*tikkun olam*). His conversion to Judaism, over five years ago, provided him with added sensitivity during his two-year tenure as co-chair of our Task Force on the Role of the Non-Jew in Synagogue Life. His co-chair Susan Tubbesing recalls: "As you know, Don Albert was the first chair of the task force. When he died we were all really disheartened. Tiela asked Ron to chair the group, but he was quite sensitive to the fact that as a Jew-by-choice there was the possibility that someone would see his selection as in some way inappropriate or open to challenge. Ron would never want to be put in a position that could diminish the work of the task force. We all knew that Ron was ill and that fact just added to the sense of dedication for us to finish our job! Ron was instrumental during our town hall meetings and in the development of statements of values for the congregation and the Va'ad, always careful to ensure that we maintained both a tone and a spirit of inclusiveness. He was determined to see this project through, to leave the congregation with some guidance on this important issue. And he did."

In addition to the task force, Ron served as Building Search and Options chair for four years. He initiated several plans to remodel Danvers St. and always used his considerable real estate acumen and experience to guide the Va'ad in its decision-making, avoiding as many pitfalls as possible. He was the prime negotiator for the purchase of the Dolores Street property. His last speech was at our Congregational Meeting in December where he was never evasive in his answers to challenging questions from our membership. His generosity to the Mishkan Dolores Campaign will be remembered as we worship together in the new sanctuary that he so wanted to see built.

Ron also served on the advisory board of the Jewish Community Federation/Jewish Family and Children's Services

AIDS Project. He was the driving force guiding their Putting a Face to AIDS Speakers Bureau. He often spoke to junior high school classes in the Bay Area about what it is to be a gay person, a business person and a person with AIDS. After hearing him speak, an 8th grade student wrote him: "I envy your wisdom and your positive attitude towards life, no matter what disease you have. You have put a face, a name and a body to AIDS. This was a very touching experience for me."

May his memory be as a blessing for us all.

Learning with Rabbi Bergadine

Rabbi Martha Bergadine, CSZ's interim Rabbi, will be offering the following learning opportunities in the coming months:

The Whole Megillah! – is the Book of Esther a heroic historical saga or just a hysterical farce? Let's read it through and decide for ourselves. Come and get in the Purim spirit early! **Sunday, March 16, 3-5 pm in the Sanctuary.**

Ani L'dodi: My Beloved is Mine – *For now the winter is past, the rains are over and gone.* (Song of Songs 2:11). Spring and Passover are on their way. Let's celebrate by reading the beautiful love poetry of Song of Songs. We'll also take a quick look at how Song of Songs influenced the love poetry of Golden Age Spain, including poems proclaiming one man's love for another. **Sunday, April 13, 3-5 pm in the Sanctuary.**

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Onegs

These generous people sponsored the Oneg Shabbat in February:

2/14 **Edward Pollock**, in memory of Alan Ellis.

2/28 **Alice and Rina Prussin and Smokey Cormier**, in honor of their family birthday.



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Sukkot in April

On April 27, Sha'ar Zahav will be one of 15 Jewish agencies participating in the first annual *Sukkot in April*. *Sukkot in April* is working in partnership with *Christmas in April San Francisco* to coordinate a two-day community-wide service project. During the last weekend in April, over 4,000 *Christmas in April* and *Sukkot in April* participants will work side-by-side with neighbors and beneficiaries to preserve and repair homes of low-income, elderly and disabled San Franciscans and to renovate community facilities. Simultaneously, over 100,000 volunteers will be doing similar work with *Christmas in April* chapters nationwide.

Sha'ar Zahav has agreed to take on the project of helping to repair and renovate **Project Open Hand's** new building, together with the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Anti-Defamation League's delegation of volunteers who went to Alabama to rebuild burned churches. To make this a successful project, we need between 50-75 volunteers and donations of building materials.

Volunteering for *Sukkot in April* provides an excellent opportunity to be part of a community-wide and a nation-wide effort to make a real impact on people's lives. We need help now to recruit volunteers for this exciting new program. If you would like to volunteer, make a donation or get more information, please call Renée at the office.

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Nominating Process Begins

The 1997 Elections Committee has begun meeting to identify possible nominees for the Va'ad seats which will open in July.

The CSZ Va'ad is the governing body of our congregation, and is composed of nine at-large members and five officers. (Current members and officers are listed in the back of each issue of the *Forward*.) Every year, an Elections Committee is convened by the president, and presents the congregation with a slate of candidates for ratification at our annual meeting in May.

This year's Elections Committee members are Irene Ogus, chair (641-1799), Ellen Lewin (826-2770), Ed Lopatin (826-6216), Dev Felder Noily (753-5097), and Drew Parker (821-2988).

Over the past several years, our congregation has moved from contested elections for the Va'ad to a process of mentorship which guides leaders and potential leaders through roles of increasing responsibility.

In May, CSZ members will be asked to approve a new president, two new vice-presidents, a treasurer, a recorder, and at least three at-large Va'ad members.

It has been CSZ's practice for some time for the presidency to be taken over by one of the two vice-presidents. Our current Administrative Vice-President, Diana Buchbinder, will be nominated to take over the reins from President David Stein. Our two new vice-presidential nominees will be selected from among current and recent Va'ad members.

The offices of recorder and treasurer are one-year terms, with the opportunity to extend for a second year. Both our recorder, Mark Bowers, and our treasurer, Leah Wolf, are now serving their first year, and have been asked to run for a second year.

In the coming months, the Elections Committee will be consulting synagogue members, leaders, and committee chairs to identify people who might serve the synagogue as new Va'ad members. Anyone who wishes to add a name to those being considered for nomination by the Elections Committee should call Irene Ogus by March 26.

People who are not nominated can run for office by petition. Anyone interested in finding out more about this process should call an Elections Committee member by March 26.

Anyone who would like to know more about participating in the leadership of CSZ should contact Paul Cohen or Irene Ogus, our Leadership Development Committee co-chairs.

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Oneg Shabbat Service Schedule

The oneg after Friday night services is, for most of us, the major opportunity we have to schmooze with other members and guests, chat with friends, and meet new people. Last year we implemented a new system for Friday night oneg set-up and clean-up, which worked very well and which we will continue to use. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped to make the new oneg policy a success last year; please know that your service to the CSZ community is, as always, greatly appreciated!

Every member who lives in the immediate Bay Area is asked to participate in **one** oneg each year. Doing your oneg service is easy! Locate your name on this sheet to find out when you are scheduled, and mark the date on your calendar. Prior to the week in which your name is listed, please call Oneg Chair Alan Giannini (255-8117) to confirm that you can be there. If you cannot serve on the date listed, please try to switch with another member and call Alan to let him know.

Please arrive at 7:30 to set up the oneg (heat water, pour juice and wine and set out food) and plan to stay after the oneg to make sure everything gets cleaned up (put away food and drinks, collect plates, wash dishes, wipe tables). If you want to bring extra food, great! But most importantly, bring yourself, your helping hands, and celebrate Shabbat with a mitzvah.

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Joseph Hample

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Ben Schalit
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Levine & Joel
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May 16

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Nancy Kates
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Purim — What about Vashti?

—Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

When I was a little girl, Purim left me cold. I couldn't identify with Esther, who my religious school teachers portrayed as an insipid beauty contest winner. Her marriage to a powerful man, the acceptable female goal in the 1950s, was far from inspiring to a baby dyke. Even worse, Esther's story begins with the death or banishment of Vashti, the queen who refuses to unveil herself for her husband's drunken friends. Perhaps the coldness I felt was fear.

Esther surely feared sharing Vashti's fate, who is never mentioned after the beginning of the Megillah. My teachers too were silent about her. Yet, thanks to Vashti, the Megillah tells two stories: one is of the Jews' struggle for survival, and one is of a silenced woman.

At the beginning of the Megillah, Achashveros insults his wife and queen by trying to use her as a trophy, demanding that she parade herself in front of his friends. In response to her refusal, he asks his friends what he should do. He never thinks of asking Vashti her reasons.

Did Vashti mean to set an example for women? To protect the dignity of royalty? To defend a traditional separation of the sexes? Maybe she disapproved of drunkenness! We never find out.

Her husband's friends decide that she acted on behalf of her sex: "All women will hear and disobey their husbands." The men decide and the king acts without stopping to think: he has Vashti "disappeared."

Months later, Achashveros finally "thinks about Vashti." His loneliness, or sexual frustration, brings Esther into the story.

Esther, for the first half of the Megillah, says not one word. She is silent, as Vashti before her was silenced. Esther is at double risk in the king's palace, as both a woman and a hidden Jew. The threat to women, though explicit, is never named; yet Esther cannot hide being a woman. She faces the danger alone in silence. The threat to Jews develops slowly but is named instantly, and communally fought.

Esther the Jew has an advantage over Esther the woman. Her older, wiser cousin Mordechai guides her; he lets her know both the news and what action to take, until she develops into a powerful political figure. As a woman, Esther has

no older wiser guide, because Vashti has been forced into prison, banishment or the grave. The challenge to women's survival remains in the background, outside the realm of political action.

The day before Purim is a traditional fast day, in memory of Esther's three-day fast before approaching the king to plead for her people's lives. Some Jewish women now observe the Fast of Esther for a different reason: to mourn for, and end, the silence of women; to mourn for, and end, the fear that silence feeds.

This intention is not a radical innovation. Thanks to Vashti's story, the theme of unnamed threats to women is implicit in the Megillah. Our generation's tasks include giving voice to this part of the story.

A famous midrash tells us that G-d left creation incomplete so that humans would have a purpose; in bringing about redemption, we complete creation. Esther's story, equally incomplete, remains for us to complete and redeem.

Shelley Spiro

The Congregation wishes to recognize and thank Shelley Spiro for her many years of arranging logistics for CSZ's East Bay Services.

Bereavement Services

The Jewish Family & Children's Services Bereavement Center provides a full range of grief counseling services, including individual therapy, educational programs, consultations and 8-week nondenominational Bereavement Workshops for adults.

Coming up: *Partner/Spousal Loss* on Thursdays from 6-7 pm beginning March 27 and *Bereaved Family Weekend Camp* at Camp Towanga in Yosemite from May 2-4. For more information about these groups, call Lee L. Pollack, LCSW, Bereavement Center Coordinator (561-1212). Lee Pollack will also join with our member Rabbi Eric Weiss of Ruach Ami: Bay Area Jewish Healing Center for *Spiritual Support Group: Continuing the Journey*.

The logistics of this group will depend on the participants. If you are interested in working on long-term grief issues, call Lee Pollack or Rabbi Weiss (750-4199). Some subsidies are available.

L'Atid

At Friday evening services we often hear Geoff Benjamin invite "those under 36 or those who can stay up past 10 pm" out to coffee following services. Nobody has known what to call this new younger members' chavurah until now!! At the chavurah's potluck Shabbat dinner on January 31, after much debate, the group decided to name itself "L'Atid," which means "toward the future" in Hebrew. Although members of the group are people of the present, they decided that they hold the future of Sha'ar Zahav in their hands.

The group decided to schedule another potluck on Saturday evening March 15 at 7 pm. The evening will include a Havdallah service followed by a vegetarian potluck dinner. New members, younger members and their friends are encouraged to come and be part of this new chavurah. Sue Bodjak and Deb Yates have generously offered to host the dinner at their home. They live in Oakland so carpooling is encouraged. Call Renée at the office to RSVP and offer or sign up for a ride across the bay.

HIV+ Support Group

CSZ has ongoing support services for members living with HIV/AIDS and their families and partners on the third Saturday of every month, in addition to occasional Shabbat dinners at the homes of members. Mark your calendars: **Saturday, March 15 at 3 pm:** Support Group at CSZ, facilitated by Rob Tat. If you have any questions or want to put your name on our confidential mailing list, please call Amy Clark at the office (861-6932). Join us.

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It made its debut at last year's Congregational Seder. It is not available in any store. It tells the story of our journey from slavery to freedom. It is . . . Yes . . . the Congregation Sha'ar Zahav Haggadah, *Let Us Begin*.

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Members wishing to contact any Va'ad member or committee chair are invited to obtain his or her number from the synagogue office.

Office Hours: Monday–Friday from 9 am to 3 pm (861-6932).

Bikkur Cholim: If you or a friend who is a member of Sha'ar Zahav is ill in the hospital or at home, and would like to have a member of the Bikkur Cholim Committee call or visit, please notify the synagogue office.

Member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations.

Services are held every Friday evening beginning at 8:15 pm (except as noted), with an Oneg Shabbat following services. Services are generally held on the second

Saturday of each month at 10 am — check calendar for each month.

Gift Shop Hours: Fridays, 7:30–8:05 pm.

Library Hours: Open during office hours, and 30 minutes before and after Friday night services.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav (Congregation of the Golden Gate) is located in the Upper Market District of San Francisco at 220 Danvers at Caselli, which is one block south of the intersection of 18th and Market streets. By public transport, take MUNI bus 33 Sanyan to 18th and Danvers and walk one block south on Danvers to Caselli.

February Va'ad Minutes

by Mark Bowers, Recorder

The Va'ad reflected on the recent death of Ron Wilmot and his powerful effect on the Congregation. Tiela led all assembled in the recitation of Kaddish.

Renée Bauer reported on plans for the Purim party and especially thanked new members Julie LaPore and Sarita Groisser as well as Jonathan Goldman and Debby Gelber.

Architect John Goldman and his assistant were introduced to the Va'ad and led a discussion regarding the renovations.

The last Camp Swig Sukkot retreat was attended by 55 adults and 10 children. The retreat this year from April 4–6 will involve nearly everyone associated with Kadimah, both children and their families. Scholarships are expected to increase.

Two new member units were proposed and accepted.

Tickets for the Randy Weiss concert on March 9 are available from the office.

Ellie Cohen reported New Building pledges totalling \$512,000+, 39% of our goal. The hard work of 33 volunteer solicitors was applauded, with special thanks to John Atteridge and Michael Chertok. Jeff Forman, who is organizing the raffle, announced contributions of two round-trip tickets to Israel, 2 round-trip tickets to Europe, a pair of gold cuff links and several other items.

Treasurer Leah Wolf distributed a detailed budget and statement of activity which were unanimously approved. She noted the need for extraordinary flexibility in the coming year because of a number of unknowns in the area of expenditures.

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CSZ Spring Retreat: Pesach, Transition and Change

The CSZ Spring Retreat is almost here. We will be going away for a wonderful weekend of talking, praying, singing, chatting and napping at Camp Swig in Saratoga, from April 4-6. The registration deadline is March 14: a registration form is included in this month's Forward. Only a limited number can attend, so reserve your spot soon!

Coming just a few weeks before Passover, the weekend is entitled "Pesach, Transition and Change." Workshops will explore the intellectual, spiritual and personal aspects of the transitions that we experience in this season, as well as in our community's continuing growth and evolution. There will be workshop alternatives for the spiritually-minded and for those who are not. In addition to the programming for adults, Kadimah will meet at Camp Swig that weekend: there will be extended Jewish-related activities for kids and teens. We are also planning a Shabbat afternoon of inter-generational play: hiking, volleyball, crafts and a jam session. This is a chance to explore the many aspects of change in your life and in the life of our community; to examine how your Jewish values might affect your approach to change; to build a sense of community and extended family, and to have fun.

One of our retreat's most unique characteristics is the sense of community that is forged among a very diverse group of people. As those who have attended previous weekends can attest, our retreat is an amazing blend of singles mixer and family get-together. Whether you are single or partnered, have kids or don't especially revel in them, whatever your sexual orientation, you'll find people like you, and people supporting you, at our retreat.

Accommodations are rustic camp-style cabins, sleeping 6-10 people in bunk beds with a shared bathroom and a shower. A small number of "faculty cabins" will be available for families with small children and people with special needs. The Ritz it's not, but the beautiful woods, amazing sanctuary and friendly company make it all worthwhile. This time we are asking each attendee to put in one hour of service during the weekend to support our community and ensure that the weekend runs smoothly.

Cost for the weekend (including accommodations and food) are on a sliding scale as follows: Adults: \$130-\$110; youth (13-18): \$95-\$80; kids (3-12): \$70-\$55; under 3 free. Childcare is available for younger children at no extra cost. Some scholarships are available; call the office for more information. Scholarship requests must be made by the March 14 deadline.

Remember, get your registration form in to the office soon — those who procrastinate may find the weekend has sold out. If you have any questions, please call Tiela Chalmers at 431-4312. Hope to see you there!

E-mail

The office has a new e-mail address:
shaarzahav@igc.apc.org

Jewish Meditation Conference

The first ever conference on Jewish meditation will be held on April 5-6 at Congregation Beth Sholom, in San Francisco. The conference is sponsored by Chochmat HaLev and is supported by many other Bay Area Jewish organizations and synagogues including Congregation Sha'ar Zahav.

Jewish meditation as a spiritual practice is growing rapidly both in the organized Jewish world and among non-religious secular people. The practice of meditation has a long history in the Jewish tradition, dating back to biblical times. It is rich with possibilities for our lives and it can bring joy and transformation, and guide us into a deeper connection with the divine. All are welcome to participate in this conference, be they religious Jews, secular Jews, people with spiritual practices in other religions or non-Jews interested in Judaism.

Anyone interested in registration or more information should contact the CSZ office (861-6932) or Chochmat HaLev (510/704-9687).

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 memory of Lil Moed and in honor of the
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Robert K. Tat Oral History Fund

Mark Ryser, in honor of Rob Tat

Tot Purim

This month pre-schoolers and their
 families are invited to a grogger-
 making event in preparation for
 Purim. The event will be held at
 CSZ on Sunday, March 16, from
 10-11 am.

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Birthdays

1 Arthur Slepian
 4 Jody Adelberg
 5 Nancy Wecker
 5 Edward Pollock
 8 Ann Biderman
 8 Phyllis Mintzer
 8 David Couch
 9 Perry Paker
 9 Vadim Milman
 10 Dana Vinicoff
 10 Stephen Shotland
 11 Jessie Ap'neva
 12 Jerry Geffner
 13 Mary Schroeder
 13 Michael Frank
 14 Michael Shaps
 14 Dey Rose
 15 Judith Berkowitz
 15 Jeffrey Davidson
 16 Alice Prussin
 16 Jonathan Pannor
 17 Ian Sweedler
 18 Ann Bauman
 19 Rachel Wahba
 21 Jeffrey Shuman
 21 Mike Abramson
 22 Talia Barth-Rogers
 22 Ezra Barth-Rogers
 23 Leslie Einhorn
 23 Cody Fine
 24 Nora Klimist
 27 Rebecca Doctors
 28 Mary Jane Eisenberg
 28 Lucy Fine
 28 Michael Hulton
 29 Harold Parker
 29 Ira Hirschfield
 29 Robert Gutterman
 30 Carol Hoffman
 31 Neil Grungras
 31 Andrew Mann

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Anniversaries

- 3 Dyan Dreisbach & Joyce Newstat
- 11 Mark Oliver & Steve Polsky
- 15 Bernard Choden & Lois Scott
- 15 Paul Cohen & Bob Gutterman
- 15 Seth Frohman & Rafi Hoch
- 17 Alicia Brite & Leslie Halpern
- 24 Geraldine Barr & Maxine Epstein
- 29 Judith Klain & Marie Chavez
- 31 Jessie Ap'neva & Nina Wouk

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New Members

The Membership Committee is pleased to announce that our congregation gained the following new members this month. A warm welcome to the latest people to join our family:

Benjamin Bank & Brian Jersky
Doug R.

We are grateful to see our congregation grow. It is up to all of us to help our new members feel welcome as they become active participants in our community.

Architect

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of the Architecture and Design Committee with ideas and suggestions if you cannot make this meeting.

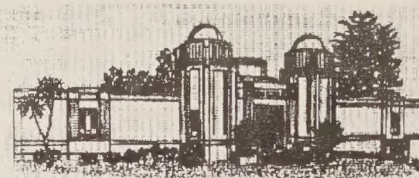
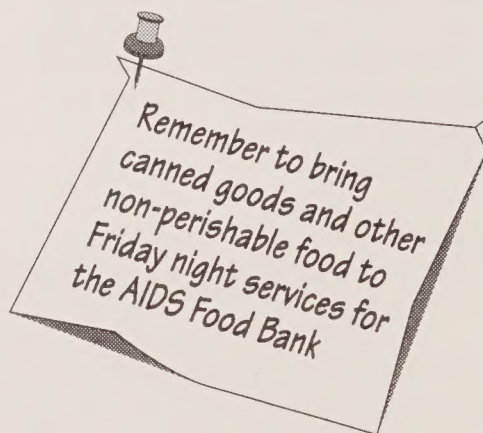
Many thanks to all of the very hard-working members of this team: Alice Prussin, Na'ama Firestone, Jonathan Funk, Mark Klaiman, David Stein, Susan Tubbesing and Deborah Udin. We also lovingly remember the effort and dedication of Ron Wilmot to this committee.

Naches

To **Geoff Benjamin** on his new job with Swords Into Plowshares.

To **Lane Schickler** on his acceptance to Hebrew Union College's Rabbinic Program.

To **Susan Gelmis and Ilene Dick**, on the birth of their son, Samuel Dick-Gelmis.



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Condolences

We extend our condolences to members who have suffered recent losses:

Neil Grungras, on the death of his friend, Mimi Winer.

Joe Hample, on the death of his friend, Eugene Suzuki.

Cheryl Sena, on the death of her mother, Sally Sena.

Richard Sinkoff, on the death of his mother, Alice Bernholz Sinkoff.

Barney Ugarte, on the death of his friend, Randy Friess.

Do you have email?

If so we want your address! Drop us a line at shaarzahav@igc.apc.org

Torah Study Class at CSZ

Phyllis Mintzer will be leading Torah study classes at CSZ for the remainder of the spring. Torah study is open to members and non-members at a cost of \$10 per session for members and \$15 for non-members. If you do not wish to handle money on Shabbat, please make payment arrangements through the CSZ office. The classes (with the exception of the March class) will be held on the second Saturday of the month at 1 pm to allow for encouraged attendance at the CSZ Saturday morning services. For those students who wish to participate, there will be a dairy potluck after services but before Torah study in the oneg room. What follows is a list of the dates and corresponding Torah portions:

DATE	NAME	LOCATION	PLAUT TRANSLATION
March 29	Tzav	Lev. 6:1-8:36	pages 781-798
April 12	Tazria	Lev. 12:1-13:59	pages 826-838
May 10	Kedoshim	Lev. 19:1-20:27	pages 894-906
June 14	Naso	Num. 4:21-7:89	pages 1043-1075

There are a limited number of Torahs available so students are encouraged to bring their own. If you have any additional questions, please contact the CSZ office (861-6932).

MARCH

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1 Saturday 22 Adar I

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, B'nai Mitzvah
- 10 am, Kadimah: Halutzim
- All day, Ritual Committee meeting

2 Sunday 23 Adar I

- 10 am, Nitzanim meets in library
- 1-4 pm, Community-wide design meeting at Dolores Street.
- 3 pm, Klezmer Band rehearsal

3 Monday 24 Adar I

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 6:30 pm, CEB meeting

4 Tuesday 25 Adar I

- 6:30 pm, Dues Committee
- 7 pm, Trope/Torah Chanting Class

5 Wednesday 26 Adar I

- 7:30 pm, General Fundraising meeting

6 Thursday 27 Adar I

- 6:30 pm, SWIG Committee

7 Friday 28 Adar I

- 5:45 pm, Chaverim Shabbat dinner
- 7 pm, Early Kabbalat Shabbat
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Vayekhel, Shabbat Shekalim led by Larry Wexler and Brian Besser

8 Saturday 29 Adar I

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, B'nai Mitzvah
- 10 am, Shabbat service led by Frank Yellin
- 8 pm, A Traveling Jewish Theatre outing

9 Sunday 30 Adar I

- 4 pm, Chamber Concert fundraiser: Randall Weiss, Patricia Whaley and Joanne Tanner, followed by reception

10 Monday 1 Adar II

- 6:30 pm, Va'ad meeting

11 Tuesday 2 Adar II

12 Wednesday 3 Adar II

- 7-9 pm, Architecture & Design
- 7 pm, Newsletter editing

13 Thursday 4 Adar II

- 7 pm, Klezmer Band rehearsal

14 Friday 5 Adar II

- 7:15 pm, Niggun service
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Pekudei led by Lyssa Friedman
- Bikkur Cholim: "Critical Illness and Support" by Rabbi Eric Weiss

15 Saturday 6 Adar II

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, B'nai Mitzvah
- 10 am, Kadimah: Halutzim
- 3 pm, HIV Support Group
- 3-6 pm, Adult B'nai Mitzvah Group

15 Saturday 6 Adar II

- 7 pm, Younger members' Havdalah potluck

16 Sunday 7 Adar II

- 10-11 am, Tot Purim event: Grogger making
- 1-6 pm, BJE Conference
- 3 pm, Rabbi Bergadine class: Book of Esther

17 Monday 8 Adar II

- 6 pm, Healing service
- 7 pm, Newsletter layout
- 7 pm, SWIG
- 7:30 pm, Fundraising committee

18 Tuesday 9 Adar II

19 Wednesday 10 Adar II

20 Thursday 11 Adar II

- 7 pm, Bikkur Cholim
- 7 pm, Membership committee

21 Friday 12 Adar II

- 6:30 pm, Rishonim/B'nai Mitzvah Shabbat dinner
- 8:15 pm, East Bay service
- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Shabbat Zakhor/Vayikra led by Mike Rankin and Eileen Levy

22 Saturday 13 Adar II

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: all classes
- 6:30 pm, Havdalah led by Daniel Chesir and Lyssa Friedman. Megillah Reading followed by Purim party

23 Sunday 14 Adar II Purim

24 Monday 15 Adar II

25 Tuesday 16 Adar II

26 Wednesday 17 Adar II

- 7 pm, Advanced Prayerbook Hebrew II
- 7-9 pm, Architecture & Design

27 Thursday 18 Adar II

- 6:30 pm, Ritual Committee
- 7 pm, Newsletter distribution

28 Friday 19 Adar II

- 8:15 pm, Shabbat service: Shabbat Parah/Tzav led by Paul Cohen and Susan Unger, Daniel Chesir reads Torah, sermon by Rabbi Bergadine

29 Saturday 20 Adar II

- 9:30 am, Kadimah: Chaverim, Rishonim, B'nai Mitzvah, Chalutzim
- 10 am, Kadimah: Halutzim
- 12 pm, Torah Study potluck
- 1 pm, Torah Study: Tzav

30 Sunday 21 Adar II

- 10 am, Nitzanim meeting

31 Monday 22 Adar II

Note: Gray areas indicate religious services.

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A CSZ Community Retreat:
Pesach, Transition & Change
April 4 - 6, 1997, at Camp Swig

R E G I S T R A T I O N F O R M

final deadline is March 14, 1997

Rates for the weekend are sliding scale:

adults: \$130-110 • youth (13-18): \$95-80 • kids (3-12): \$70-55 • under 2: \$30-\$5

A limited number of scholarships are available to members. Please call CSZ Treasurer Leah Wolf at (415) 788-2884 to make arrangements. Nonmembers please add \$10 each for adults and \$5 each for youth and kids.

<u>Name (& address if nonmember)</u>	<u>age (if 18 or under)</u>	<u>registration fee</u>
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Total number of people: _____ Total amount: _____

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Kadimah Alert!

All Kadimah sessions will be held at Camp Swig the weekend of April 4 – 6

Volunteer an Hour

In the spirit of community, everyone coming to the retreat will be asked to volunteer for one hour to help out with various tasks. Please let us know what you'd prefer to do:

- _____ after-meal clean-up (busing dishes)
- _____ childcare
- _____ Sunday afternoon clean-up (much needed!)
- _____ whatever

The Accomodations

Camp Swig in Saratoga is the UAHC's camp for children and youth in Northern California. Accommodations are camp-style cabins, sleeping 8 to 12 people in bunk beds with a shared bathroom and shower. There are a small number of "Faculty" cabins which will be available for families with small children.

Most of us will be staying in the campers' cabins, talking late into the night, finding very quiet ways to make the weekend romantic, keeping our bunkmates awake with our snoring, screaming when the shower's icy waters first splash our bare skin at 6am, and otherwise challenging our belief in our own tolerance. (There really is hot water, it just takes a minute....) It's really fun, in a rustic kind of way.

If you have concerns about the accomodations, please call Tiela Chalmers at (415) 431-4312, or talk to one of the happy campers at our past retreats... we're everywhere!

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Mishkan Dolores: Getting Closer to Our New Home

Our community, and in particular all of us working on the new building, were deeply saddened by the death of our good friend Ron Wilmot. Ron worked tirelessly to find us a new building and then to negotiate a favorable deal. Many of you will remember the thoughtful and thorough presentation he made at the congregational meeting. He remained dedicated to the building campaign, and to our congregation, to the end, fundraising from his hospital bed. He was also a good friend to many of us. Our efforts are dedicated to his memory; we will miss him terribly.

Here is an update on those efforts:

Architecture and Design: One of our more exciting developments in recent weeks is the selection and hiring of John Goldman, our architect. (For more about John, see the article elsewhere in this Forward.) John is beginning the process of meeting with, not just the Architecture and Design Committee, but also members of other committees in the synagogue, to learn our space and aesthetic needs, and to take in people's suggestions and ideas.

As you may have heard, John has suggested that we consider placing the sanctuary on the second floor, rather than the first floor. This would give us the possibility of high ceilings and a lighter, airier feel than we could achieve if the sanctuary were downstairs. This option may, however, be significantly more expensive. There may be other creative ideas to consider, too. Both the A and D committee and the Va'ad will be considering what kind of renovations we would like, and what we can afford.

Permits: By the time you read this, we will have filed our application for a conditional use permit from the city. We hope for a hearing in late April or early May. In the meantime we will be meeting with the neighbors to answer any questions or concerns they might have.

Mishkan Dolores Campaign: We are making fabulous progress towards our goal of \$1.3 million thanks to the efforts of the thirty-two volunteers who are meeting individually with congregation members to discuss their pledges--and to each of you who have already made a pledge! They all add up. We have already secured \$619,845 in pledges and contributions!!! This is 48% of our goal!

In addition, we have organized an effort to let the greater community know about our campaign and how they can help. We contacted 1000 nonmembers by phone and mail to ask for their support. The letters will be followed up with a second round of phone calling. As we go to press, just a week after the mailing, we have already received more than \$1000 in pledges and contributions from this effort.

Our raffle committee has already lined up some great prizes: round trip tickets for two to Israel, and round trip tickets for two to Europe! Keep your ear to the ground for more great prizes, and to find out when tickets will become available.

By the way, have you seen the beautiful thermometer tracking the progress of our campaign? It was created by Rena Frantz and Michael Schwartz. Be sure to check it out in the oneg room.

If not now, when?: Many people are asking, when will we move in? It's hard to say, of course, but our best bet is sometime in January, 1998. Assuming that we close at the beginning of September, construction would start, while we leased back our current building. We can do that for 4 months. We are lining up interim space to tide us over in case construction takes longer than that.

As always, we welcome your input and your involvement! Call Tiela Chalmers at (415) 431-4312 if you have questions or to volunteer!